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SYDNEY ALSO PASS TRADE CENTER.

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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: REQUESTS FOR PROTECTION FROM FLAT GLASS, GLASSWARE IMPORTS DENIED.

REF: (A) CANBERRA 2589.

(B) CANBERRA 3540.

1. SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE ANNOUNCED JUNE 4 THAT GOA HAD ACCEPTED TAA RECOMMENDATION AGAINST TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO THE FLAT GLASS AND TABLE AND GLASSWARE INDUSTRIES.

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2. TAA BASED ITS RECOMMENDATION ON FACT THAT IMPORTS

HAD DECLINED SUBSTANTIALLY AND EXPECTED TREND IN THE
TRADE FOR BALANCE OF 1975 INDICATED QTE NO URGENT ACTION
NECESSARY END QTE WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE ORIGINAL
REFERENCE (REF A). REPORT ALSO SUGGESTED CLOSE
WATCH ON IMPORTS, HOWEVER, TO ENSURE QTE NO UNFORESEEN
TRENDS PREJUDICE RECOVERY OF PRODUCTION END QTE OF
ITEMS IN QUESTION. TAA STATED THAT SEPTEMBER 1974
DEVALUATION, INCREASED FREIGHT RATES AND REMOVAL OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRY PREFERENCES HAD REDUCED AND WOULD
CONTINUE TO REDUCE IMPORT COMPETITION WITH PRODUCTS OF
DOMESTIC INDUSTRY.

3. COMMENT: WE DRAW MODERATE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THIS
DECISION THAT WAVE OF AUSTRALIAN RESTRAINT MEASURES MAY
BE SUBSIDING AS CAUTIOUSLY SUGGESTED BY MIN. OVERSEAS
TRADE CREAN TO AMBASSADOR JUNE 2 (REF B). WE NOT THAT
DECLINING LEVEL OF IMPORTS WAS IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION;
IT IS LIKELY ALSO TO PROVE SIGNIFICANT IN OTHER DECISIONS
NOW PENDING AS DISTINCT DOWNTURN IN IMPORTS EVIDENT IN
RECENT MONTHS ON GLOBAL BASIS.
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